

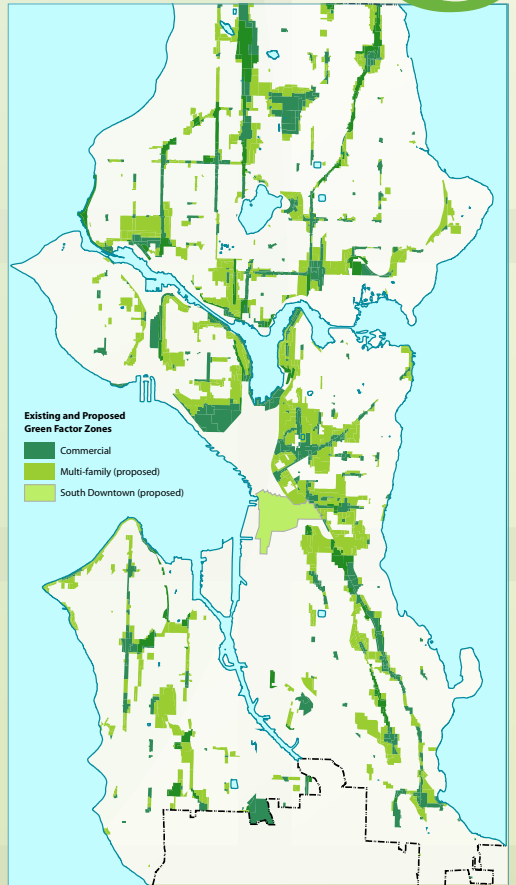
# Branching Out

Over the past two years, we have learned from the experiences of landscape design professionals and developers who have worked with the Green Factor. Based on this information, the Department of Planning and Development is proposing several changes to make the scoring system more effective and easier to use.

Additionally, the updated Green Factor scoring system is proposed for use in multifamily residential zones and the Livable South Downtown planning area.

## Updating the Green Factor:

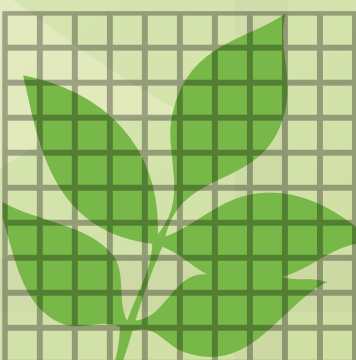
- 🌿 Preservation of existing trees is further encouraged by raising the score and allowing more trees to count for credit.
- 🌿 The minimum height for shrubs is lowered to align with SDOT requirements in the right-of-way.
- 🌿 Increased flexibility for the use of green roofs and permeable paving.
- 🌿 New bonuses are provided for native plants and food cultivation.



*“The Green Factor is an important part of Seattle’s Climate Action Plan. Landscaping reduces greenhouse gas emissions by capturing carbon and reducing the energy demand of buildings. These strategies can also help minimize the urban heat island effect.”*

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